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SUBJECT: CONSERVATIVE PARTY CONFERENCE DEFEATS MOTION
TO DROP RHODESIAN SANCTIONS

1. RIGHT-WING MPS AT BLACKPOOL CONSERVATIVE PARTY CONFERENCE INTRODUCED RESOLUTION OCTOBER 11 ALLING FOR AN END TO RHODESIAN SANCTIONS AND UK RECOGNITION OF INDEPENDENT RHODESIA. AFTER SPIRITED DEFENSE OF GOVERNMENT'S RHODESIA POLICY BY FONSEC SIR ALEC DOUGLAS-HOME, DELEGATES VOTED OVERWHELMINGLY BY SHOW OF HANDS TO DEFEAT MOTION FOR ADOPTION. SIR ALEC WAS GIVEN A STANDING OVATION FOLLOWING THE VOTE.
 2. IN HIS REMARKS SIR ALEC SAID, "IF WE DROP SANCTIONS NOW, ALL HOPE OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE RACES WOULD BE GONE. . . OUR CONCERN, INTEREST AND CARE MUST BE FOR THE FUTURE OF RHODESIA, OF RHODESIANS, AFRICANS AND EUROPEANS. A SETTLEMENT BROADLY AGREEABLE TO BOTH IS THE ONLY GOAL WORTHWHILE IN TERMS OF HARMONIOUS RACE RELATIONS. BY AND LARGE THEY SHOULD BE LEFT IN A CALM CLIMATE TO WORK IT OUT FOR THEMSELVES WITH US IN BRITAIN
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READY TO PUT THE STAMP OF LEGALITY ON THE SETTLEMENT WHEN

THEY REACH IT TOGETHER."

3.SIR ALEC STRUCK A HOPEFUL NOTE BY CALLING ATTENTION
TO THE FACT THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME MR. SMITH AND BISHOP
MUZOREWA HAD MET AND WERE TALKING. BUT HE ALSO SAID
THAT HE COULD NOT SAY THAT THE DAY WOULD NOT COME WHEN
BRITAIN WOULD HAVE TO GO TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND SAY
THE POLICY HAD FAILED AND THE UK WISHED TO BE RELIEVED
OF ITS SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY.

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